



# CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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**AGENDA TITLE:** Adopt Resolution approving the proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the Eastside Improvement Committee

**MEETING DATE:** February 16, 2005

**PREPARED BY:** Community Development Director


**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That the City Council adopt a Resolution approving the amendments to the Bylaws for the Eastside Improvement Committee.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Eastside Improvement Committee has discussed the issue of a name change for several years, in order to better identify their participation and interest in issues that affect the entire community and not just the area identified as the "Eastside".

This issue was discussed at the Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Eastside Improvement Committee, held on August 17, 2004. At that time, Council gave direction for the Committee to take the appropriate action for the name change.

At the Regular Meeting of the Eastside Improvement Committee on February 1, 2005, they again entertained this as an action item on their agenda. After considering the comments made by the members of the public that were present and after discussion amongst the committee members, a motion was made and seconded to amend the Bylaws to change the name from Eastside Improvement Committee to Lodi Improvement Committee and to amend or delete references to the Eastside throughout the Bylaws. That motion passed on a vote of 6 to 1.

With those amendments made, the Eastside Improvement Committee respectfully submits their proposed amendments of their Bylaws, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to the Lodi City Council for their review and approval.

  
Konradt Bartlam  
Community Development Director

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Attachment

cc: City Attorney  
City Clerk  
Eastside Improvement Committee Members

APPROVED:   
Blair King, City Manager

BYLAWS OF  
THE LODI ~~EASTSIDE~~ IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1.

Under the auspices of the City of Lodi, there is hereby created the **Lodi Eastside** Improvement Committee.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSES

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSE

The **Lodi Eastside** Improvement Committee is organized and created for the purposes of maintaining and improving the quality of life and appearance of Lodi by the coordinated efforts of a broad spectrum of the community. ~~The "Eastside" shall refer to the area general bounded by Hutchins Street on the west, Guild Street on the east, Turner Road on the north, and Harney Lane on the south.~~

SECTION 2. SPECIFIC GOALS/PURPOSES

- A) To combat illegal drugs, prostitution, and other crimes by such measures as cooperation with or establishment of groups such as Crime Stoppers and Neighborhood Watch.
- B) To eliminate blight and encourage the maintenance, improvement, or rehabilitation of properties throughout Lodi, ~~but especially in the areas described in Article I, Section 1,~~ with the cooperation of residents, property owners, business, and government.

- C) To act as an advocate for ~~eastside~~ residents in issues dealing with the upgrade, improvement and maintenance of all ~~Eastside~~ infrastructure, including streets, alleys, water, sewer and storm drainage systems.
- D) To encourage compliance with building, housing, fire, and other health and safety laws, and local property maintenance ordinances by property owners, residents, and businesses.
- E) To coordinate with churches, civic and community groups, and other community based organizations to educate and inform the public on ways of achieving these goals, and to keep the public informed of the efforts.
- F) To work with business community to encourage a healthy business climate. ~~within the boundaries describe in Section 1 Article 1~~
- G) Provide acknowledgement to properties and businesses throughout the City that show marked improvements in service and appearance that contributes to the image and quality of the community.

### ARTICLE III

#### MEMBERSHIP

##### SECTION 1. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

General membership shall be open to all persons.

##### SECTION 2. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Effective April 1, 1994, the fifteen (15) person Board of Directors established by City Council action on March 17, 1993 shall, by attrition, be reduced to a nine (9) member board. Such attrition shall occur by resignation or removal of directors currently serving. During the transition, a quorum of the Board for voting or meeting purposes shall consist of fifty percent (50%) plus one of all directors then serving on the Board. After transition is complete, directors shall continue to serve three year staggered terms, based on their original date of appointment.

### SECTION 3. SUBCOMMITTEES

There may be as many subcommittees as deemed necessary by the Board to accomplish any specific goal to be

achieved by the Improvement Committee.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS

#### SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Executive Officers shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Treasurer. New officers shall be elected by the Board annually at the first meeting in March.

#### SECTION 2.

The Chairperson or Vice Chairperson shall serve as spokesperson for the ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee and liaison with the Lodi City Council.

#### SECTION 3.

Any Executive Officer or Board of Directors member who misses three (3) unexcused meetings within a one year period without the consent of one of the Executive Board Members shall be deemed to have vacated the office.

## ARTICLE V

### FINANCIAL MATTERS

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All revenues of the ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee shall be administered through a bank account, to be monitored by the City of Lodi and into which all donations, gifts, or other revenues raised by the ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee shall be placed. All expenditures must be approved by a majority vote of the Board, subject to City Council overview and signed by Treasurer and one Executive Officer.

#### SECTION 2. AUDITING

The fund account for the ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee shall be audited as part of the City's regular annual audit and quarterly expenditures reports will be submitted by the Treasurer to the Finance Department of the City of Lodi.

## ARTICLE VI

### TERM OF EXISTENCE/DISSOLUTION

#### SECTION 1. CONTINUOUS OPERATION

The ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee shall continue and be permanent until dissolved by action of the City Council or the improvement Committee Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE VII

### BOARDPROCEDURES

#### SECTION 1. PROCEDURES

After the transition described in Article III, Section 2 above is complete, five Board Members shall constitute a quorum and may conduct business at any regular meeting. A majority of those present may act by affirmative vote.

No proxy voting is allowed.

#### SECTION 2. MEETING

Regular meetings of the Board shall be held once a month, on the first Tuesday of each month, at a location to be determined by the Board and opened to the public. Special meetings shall be held as necessary. All meetings shall be subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Gov. Code §54950 et. Seq.),

#### SECTION 3. COMMUNICATIONS

All external communications to the public or media shall be through or authorized by the Chairperson, or in his/her absence, by the Vice-Chairperson or a designated Board Member.

## ARTICLE VIII

### AMENDMENTS

#### SECTION 1.

These Bylaws shall constitute the empowering documents for the ~~Lodi Eastside~~ Improvement Committee and may be revised by the City Council or a majority vote of the Board of Directors, at a regular meeting previously announced for the purpose, subject to ratification by the Lodi City Council.

ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL VOTE ON \_\_\_\_\_, RATIFIED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE EASTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 1, 2005.

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CHAIRPERSON

APPROVED AS **TO** FORM

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D. STEPHEN SCHWABAUER  
CITY ATTORNEY

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL  
APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS FOR  
THE EASTSIDE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE,  
CHANGING THE COMMITTEE NAME TO LODI  
IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

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WHEREAS, the Eastside Improvement Committee (EIC) has discussed the issue of a name change for the Committee for several years to better identify its participation and interest in issues that affect the entire community and not just the area identified as the "Eastside"; and

WHEREAS, in a Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and the EIC held August 17, 2004, the City Council gave direction to the Committee to take the appropriate action for the name change; and

WHEREAS, at a regular meeting held February 1, 2005, the EIC voted to amend the Bylaws changing the name of the committee from the Eastside Improvement Committee to Lodi Improvement Committee; and

WHEREAS, EIC respectfully submits its amended bylaws, amending and/or deleting all references to "Eastside," to the Lodi City Council for its review and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council does hereby approve the amendments to the bylaws for EIC, changing its name to Lodi Improvement Committee, as shown on Exhibit A attached and made a part of this Resolution.

Dated: February 16, 2005

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2005-36 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Lodi in a regular meeting held February 16, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hansen, Hitchcock, Johnson, Mounce,  
and Mayor Beckman

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



SUSAN J. BLACKSTON  
City Clerk



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